

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES** :  
**RELATED TO THE INTERCONNECTION PROCESS** : **DOCKET NO. 5206**  
**(NON-DECISIONAL STAFF REVIEW)** :

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS  
DIRECTED TO NATIONAL GRID  
(Issued December 6, 2021)

- 1-1. Please provide two examples of final accountings in public format. These should be for projects with two different levels of complexity and cost. They should be for real projects and contain all information that would be sent to an Interconnecting Customer. However, they should protect the identity of the Customer and should not allow for someone other than that Customer to be able to readily identify the project.
- 1-2. Please provide a link to the Electric Services Bulletin (ESB). If it is this link: <https://www.nationalgridus.com/pronet/technical-resources/electric-specifications>, are there any parts that apply to DG Interconnections different from load projects? If so, please explain.
- 1-3. Please describe in detail the process by which the ESB is updated, including at a minimum the things that cause the ESB to be updated, how those updates are vetted internally, how those updates are communicated to customers/contractors, and whether those updates apply prospectively or retroactively.
- 1-4. The RIPUC No. 2244, Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation (DG Tariff) at Section 9.4 sets forth a description of how the ESB will be updated: The Company will from time to time change or amend its technical standards, specifications, and provisions of the electric service bulletin (ESB) for interconnection applications covered in this Interconnection Tariff and for electric service in general. When the Company is considering changes that are likely to materially impact proposed Facilities or future applications in this Interconnection Tariff, the Company shall provide a draft of the proposed changes to its standards to the ITSC and Interconnecting Customers with potentially impacted applications prior to those changes going into effect. In non-emergency scenarios, the Company will make reasonable efforts to provide such proposed changes no less than ninety (90) calendar days prior to implementation, and where practicable the Company will take into consideration feedback from the ITSC about how such changes would impact Interconnecting Customers. Unless specifically prohibited by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, the Company may make any changes to its technical standards that are aligned with Good Utility Practice or otherwise necessary to comply with its obligations to provide safe and reliable electric service as a regulated entity.
  - a. Is this description of the process consistent with the process used in Massachusetts? If so, how long has it been in place? If the answer to the first two questions is in the affirmative, does the Company believe that the process has been effective in assisting

- Interconnecting Customers in the design of their projects without needing to file amendments to their interconnection applications?
- b. If the new tariff language does reflect the process in Massachusetts, does the Company have any data to show whether Massachusetts projects require fewer amendments to their interconnection applications as a result of the process set forth above? If so, please explain.
  - c. Is the description of the process new for Rhode Island?
  - d. Is the ESB, or any changes thereto, filed with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for its review and approval?
- 1-5. Has the Interconnection Technical Standards Committee (ITSC) DG Tariff been created? If not, what is the status of creating the ITSC?